

THE MONTANA NEWS.

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Socialist National and State Ticket

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For Vice President—
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W. N. Holden, of Silver Bow.
J. F. Maybe, of Park.
Joseph Hoar, of Silver Bow.

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C. M. Parr, of Silver Bow.

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Erik Olson, of Cascade.

For State Auditor—
W. C. Phelps, of Lewis & Clarke.

For Attorney General—
E. O. Jackson, of Silver Bow.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—
Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.

Every fellow with a pull of three votes or more is now smiled on by the democratic officeholders.

There is only one real labor ticket, and that is the Socialist ticket. It and it alone stands for the laboring class, the wage-worker, and not for the rich.

The Montana News is now located at 22 Park avenue, Helena, Montana, and comrades should note this when sending correspondence.

Heinze says Lawson of the Anaconda Copper Company is not to be taken seriously. Of course not, not when he's telling the people the truth of the gigantic copper robbing corporation. But why doesn't Heinze say something about the serious part of his selling out to the Amalgamated, eh?

From the reports of the Chicago trouble, it appears that the crowd now in control of the Socialist machinery are a ranker set of opportunists than ever the populists were, even when they walked into the Bryan fusion camp with their crown of thorns and cross of gold. An article in another place in this issue will throw some light on the matter and condition of affairs in the Socialist ranks of Chicago.

Comrades: We need your help. We need your co-operation if you expect to make the Montana News a force in the Socialist field. All you need to do is to subscribe for the paper, which is less than two cents per week. If the comrades over the state will subscribe and hustle a few new names, the fight can be carried to a fierce conflict. The moving from Lewistown to Helena was a great expense, more by many dollars than we figured on, and as we desire to add a few new features, subscriptions must come first.

Why The Montana News Moved to Helena.

In accordance with our announcement, in the last issue of the Montana News at Lewistown, that we would move the plant to Helena, the paper this week is published at the Capital city, and will continue the publication weekly from the same place.

The move has been made to better facilitate ourselves in the publication of the only Socialist paper in the state. At the capital, where the political pot boils the strongest, is unquestionably the proper location for a Socialist paper with a state circulation, consequently the Montana News plant has been moved to Helena.

With this issue, which will be a few days late, we simply renew the old work in the cause of the proletarian at a new central location. And let us here impress upon our readers that the Montana News is not a new venture in the newspaper field, but has been in the ranks of the newspaper fraternity for nearly two years. Its obscurity in the past has been due to its advocacy of a political faith that as yet is not popular with the average bourgeois of the northwest country, and further, possibly, by its isolated location previous to the move to Helena.

However, the News has not been brought here to make of it a campaign sheet for the coming fall election; but on the other hand has come to this city to be centrally located that it may be in the best position possible to carry the news of the great class struggle now raging in this country, to the wage slave, and point out to him the remedy and relief of the cursed inconsistencies of the present competitive system that drives men to desperation and suicide, while women and young girls are forced to prostitution for the mere necessities of life, and last, but not least, while mere babes are grinding out their little lives among the buzzing wheels and whizzing belts of the factory; and all this while the parasite class revels in luxury.

The country of today is in an unrest, a turmoil, a strife; and all this while overproduction stares us in the face on one side, while on the other side we meet the tramp and two million idle laborers asking for a job. When we see all this even in our own immediate neighborhood, when we see crime, prostitution, vice and bribery to an unlimited measure, when we see both of the old party conventions controlled by the one power—King Dollar; when we see the churches deriving their support from wealthy deacons who draw their ill-gotten money from rent of houses in the tenderloin districts; when we see countless thousands of children murdered day by day, inch by inch, under a cunningly devised system concocted in behalf of the one class against another class; when we see these conditions, we are constrained to ask what are we to do to relieve ourselves from the same?

Socialism tells the story; Socialism solves the problem; Socialism demands to every laborer the full product of his toil. Today the laborer receives 17 per cent of the wealth created by himself, while the rich man under the present system rakes off 83 per cent of the wealth and does no useful work whatever. Socialism will place the little children of the factories in the public school where they rightly belong, by giving to labor the full product of its toil. Today we have two classes of non-producers—the tramp and the millionaire—both live from the labor of the working class; both these classes will be eliminated through Socialism.

The Socialist movement is a revolutionary movement, and this paper can do but little other than to spread the news of the natural economic development; the ushering in of Socialism or the co-operative commonwealth does not necessarily depend upon the Socialist party, but to a great extent upon the economic development of the country. At the present the developments are striding at a rapid rate toward the co-operative condition. No better example of this economic change can be seen than with the Rockefeller oil business, the railroad mergers, the forming of gigantic trusts and the late establishment of the retail grocery trust, which is being arranged preparatory to the passage of the parcel post bill now pending in congress. These are the natural developments that must precede Socialism or the establishment of a Socialistic condition.

Realizing that the present system, which is supported by both old parties, is a system of injustice and inequality, where slavery under a system exists in a more cruel form than did that of the black man before the war of the rebellion, we as wage slaves cast our lot with the class of which we are members and join the ranks of the class conscious revolutionary Socialists to do battle for humanity, to overthrow the present system of exploitation that robs the laborer of 83 per cent of the wealth he creates, and to further assist in ushering in the co-operative commonwealth when justice shall reign supreme; when equality is a fact and not a farce; when every person will be judged according to his ability and not as now according to the number of dollars he possesses; when justice shall reign in our courts and other official positions in behalf of right, and not as now in behalf of the dictates of the dollar bribery; aye, when equality is established as declared by the constitution.

With the assistance of the Socialist comrades over the state every effort on the part of the management of the Montana News will be exerted to place in the hands of the many readers a Socialist paper worthy of the name of the cause it espouses, and with the support of the laboring class, the News will be the most widely circulated paper published in this state.

Let us be up and at them, comrades! the battle is raging and the firing line will not be closed until the 8th day of next November, when the revolutionary spirit of the Socialist party of world-wide affiliation will be represented by an avalanche of white ballots that will shake the throne of plutocracy from dome to pit and sound the coming of the co-operative commonwealth, wherein every laborer will receive the full product of his toil.

Workmen of the world, unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to win!

A Clark Wage Slave Objects.

The Montana News, published at Lewistown, announces that its next issue will be issued from Helena, where it intends to make its headquarters in the future. The News is the Socialist organ in this state, and ever since it has been published its main endeavor has been to array class against class in this state, and to stir up hatred between individuals who by right should be the best of friends. The Independent, in a spirit of fraternalism, would like to be able to extend a hearty welcome to the News, but it does not feel that it can honestly do so, and instead would suggest that it could find a more fitting field in which to express its views in Butte, rather than in this city, where all classes of citizens are getting along very nicely these days.—Helena Independent.

You bet, they draw the line

comes to comparing Socialism with demorepublican graftism. However, an error in the above is the statement that the News arrays class against class. This is something the News could not do even though it so desired. Conditions of the economic field make classes. The News, however, recognizes the class struggle and preaches the only solution for the elimination of the present "class arrayed against class"—Socialism. Suffice to say the News cannot heed the good advice of W. A. Clark's wage slave in regard to moving to Butte, because Helena is just the place, being the capital, for the only Socialist paper in Montana. And while we come to Helena, it is not our intention to advocate a policy or system that perpetuates the class struggle; neither is it our intention to disturb the peaceful tranquility of the "citizens" of Helena. The

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Montana News will be a state Socialist paper, ever advocating the cause of the proletarian. The News, however, in common with all other Socialist publications, is here to advocate the cause and spread the doctrines of Socialism, the only power that can eliminate the class struggle.

The Argus of Lewistown has quite a bawl coming on the city council because they saw fit to submit a list of printed matter to bid, and on which bid the Montana News won the largest share. Well, Mr. Argus, this is only a sign of what you will have in the future to go up against. In the event that a democratic president is elected this fall, which is not only possible but probable, the graft of printing the federal land notices will crawl across the street, then all that is needed to make the grafting paper on the corner climb a tree is the submitting of the county printing to bid in an honest way as was the the last city printing. People are getting tired of paying big taxes that the Argus may rob the county on extortionate rates. And if you think that your rates to the county are not an absolute steal, you might spend some space in telling the taxpayers how it is you can bid to do work so cheap for the city and charge such awful high rates for the county work. For instance one job: Bid to the city submitted by the Argus \$2.50; same thing for the county, \$15. How do you taxpayers of Fergus county like this? The city council let a fair, square bid for some printing and the News won most of it, and no honest person, outside of a grafter or robber, a footpad or sandbagger should have any kick coming. It is one of the first acts by the city fusion council that has been on the square, and it looks as if that is the reason that the Argus is kicking. Well, the world do move, and it will be hard on the fossilized, grafting lickspittles when another step or so has been taken.

Comrade Martin Hendrickson, who is agent for a Finnish Socialist paper printed in Boston, was in Spokane this week. He was in Oregon during the recent campaign and says that the returns show that the Socialists polled at least 8,000 votes and perhaps as high as 9,000. In Multnomah county, which is practically only the city of Portland, the Socialists polled 1,500 votes, or almost a third as many votes, as the democrats. The total vote of the county is 18,000, so the Socialist vote is nearly nine per cent of the total. Comrade Hendrickson held two meetings with his Finnish comrades and took a number of subscriptions for his paper.—Spokane New Time.

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Under Socialism the labor fakir will go out of existence. That is the reason he usually argues that "all these changes in government-affairs can be brought about quicker by boosting the old defunct democratic party, or organizing a labor party as a bob-tail to the democratic party. A net to drag the ignorant laborer into the left wing of plutocracy's cesspool.

Comrade P. H. Farrell of Billings forwarded six subscription cards to the Montana News since the last issue, and says in his letter that he expects to send more in the near future. These are the comrades who will make Socialism a fact in the near future.

The labor fakirs are springing up all over the state at present, with Helena as headquarters.